Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 29 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 30 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Aug 2023 at 03:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. Low confidence for rain and sunshine amounts second half of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 29 Aug 2023: Showers or longer spells of rain by afternoon, a risk of thunder.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 29 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	80%	70%	30%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 29 Aug 2023

Weather: Dry with clear spells at first. Cloud builds from the northwest through the morning with a few light showers possible. Frequent heavier showers or longer spells of rain from midday. Some sunny spells between heavy showers in the afternoon, but a risk of thunder. Sunny then clear spells and a few showers in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning, 10% in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility below cloud in the morning, otherwise often poor. Persistent cloud above 700-800m across Lochaber, patchier cloud above 1000m across Arran and Argyll, in the morning, lowering to 400-500m in heavy rain or showers by the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/31 W	24/30 SW	27/35 SW	26/33 W	23/29 W	20/25 NW	19/24 NW
900	16/20 W	19/24 W	21/29 W	21/29 W	15/21 NW	14/19 NW	12/17 NW
600	18/22 SW	20/25 SW	24/31 SW	23/30 W	15/20 W	14/18 W	11/15 W
300	10/13 SW	12/16 SW	14/22 SW	13/21 W	11/18 W	7/13 W	6/10 W
Glen	4/9 SW	9/17 SW	11/21 SW	13/25 W	11/21 W	6/15 W	7/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-3
900	6/1	6/1	7/2	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/2
600	8/4	8/4	9/4	9/5	9/5	8/5	7/4
300	10/8	10/8	11/8	12/10	11/9	10/8	9/8
Glen	11/11	13/11	13/12	14/12	13/12	12/10	11/10
Freezing Level*	1400m	1600m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the sub-zero feels like temperatures in fresh summit winds. A risk of thunderstorms from midday, highest risk around mid-afternoon. Gusts may be around 5 mph stronger than in the table near heavy showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Aug 2023
Weather: Largely dry with patchy cloud and some clear spells in the early hours. Then a largely dry bright day, but rather cloudy. A few light showers possible around early afternoon. Dry with lengthy sunny then clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 10-15 mph, easing to 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% soon improving to 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility outside of low cloud. Patchy cloud above 600-700m early morning, this dispersing to leave some patchy cloud around 1100-1200m by mid-morning, Cloud breaking up in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 17 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius rising to 10 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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